

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent/March 3, 2024

Liturgist: Jenny Nelson Organist: Pam Wilson Acolyte: Barbara Austin
Greeters: Dale Dixon & Connie Madison/Chris Shumaker & Thomas Gardner
Ushers: Kirby Miller & Stuart Walton

God's Promise 2U: Pastor John

Prelude: "Morning Prayer" George Blake

Bringing In the Light of Christ: Barbara Austin

Welcome & Announcements: Jenny Nelson

Prayer of Confession and Assurance: See screen for reading.

Greeting Our Brothers and Sisters

*Opening Hymn: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" (TFWS 2100)

Joys and Concerns: Rev. John Bright

Praise Chorus: "Spirit of the Living God" (UMH 393)

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer: Rev. John Bright

Anthem: "We Will Glorify" Medley – Don Marsh/Chancel Choir

Children's Message: Nancy Henry

Collection of Tithes and Offerings: Kirby Miler & Sheryl Bankston

*Offertory Prayer: Rev. John Bright

*Doxology – "My Tribute" (UMH 99)

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)

Scripture Lesson: I John 4: 1-6 Rev. John Bright

Series: "W. H. Y. of Prayer" (Who Helps You?)

Sermon: "Doing Discernment" Rev. John Bright

Holy Communion: (UMH 15-16)

Closing Hymn – "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" (TFWS 2140)

* Benediction: Rev. John Bright

* Postlude: "Adagio" Camille Saint-Saens

(*Please stand if you are able.)

OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Ann Hechler, Kim Davis, Jean Miller, Mary Hicks, Mary Ann and Clyde Howard, Evelyn Steele, Geneva Olgers, Phyllis and Sara Nelson, Regina Humphrey, John Brockman, Becky Torrence, Dot Gay, Billy Wendel and ML Yuhas.

KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

- Our Weekday School – Margo Keeles (Director), our teachers, students and families.
- Our community of Varina and all the residents, our churches in our neighborhoods, schools, students, teachers, administrators and all employees.
- Our state of Virginia, our residents and leaders.
- The United States of America, our citizens and leaders, the countries of the world, their people and leaders. May God bless us all and His will be done.
- The citizens and leaders of Ukraine, for their safety and for the end of the war.
- People in Turkey and Syria. The people of Maui, Hawaii.
- The Jewish people in Israel and around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TO OUR VISITORS: We welcome you to Laurel Hill and hope that you feel at home. We invite you to join Laurel Hill if you do not have a church home. Please call our church office at 804-795-2772. You will find our Laurel Hill family both warm and eager to welcome you into our fellowship. Please fill out a visitors card and place it in the offering plate.

PRAYER CARDS for your joys and concerns are in the pew racks and will be collected during the first hymn.

FISH will sponsor a Spaghetti Luncheon on Sunday, March 10th from 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Dine in our carry out. Advance tickets only...\$10. We will have tickets at the table as you enter church.

PRAYER AND FASTING –We will have a study on Prayer and Fasting beginning on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:00 P.M. It will be last for 30 minutes and be in person and on zoom. Please email Pastor John at johnlynnbright@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

HELP NEEDED: Children's Ministries is still looking for volunteers (men, women, and youth) to help with our Easter Event on March 23 from 10 to 12:00 noon. You may volunteer to help at the craft table, with games and the jump house. We would also like help with set-up and hiding eggs that morning, as well as, clean-up after the event. You may also start bringing candy and/or monetary donations next week. There will be a basket in the narthex for the candy, while monetary donations should be given to Dale Dixon. Please call or text Dale at 804-837-4562 if can help. There will be a volunteer meeting in early March (TBA). Thank you in advance for your service to our children!

NEXT SUNDAY the Flower Calendar will be in the hallway to the sanctuary to help you sign-up for dedications.

PASTOR JOHN will be working the polls in Mecklenburg County this Tuesday. Monday night Bible Study will be on Zoom only and Pastor Tom Austin will be teaching the Wednesday Bible Study.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	10:00 AM New Life House Church (804-303-4828) 7:00 PM Bible Study (On Line Only)
Wednesday	9:00 AM Prayer in Sanctuary with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Prayer and Fasting Study 6:45 PM Handbells and 7:30 PM Chancel Choir
Thursday	7:00 PM PTL House Church (804-543-2327)
Friday	10:00 AM Thankful Hearts House Church (804-737-7450)
Sunday	10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship – also available online

Margo Keeles, Director

Mon.-Fri.	7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.	Before and After Preschool Care (Ages 2-4)
Tue./Thurs.	9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon Preschool (Age 2)
Mon./Wed./Fri.	9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon Preschool (Age 3)
M/Tu./Th./Fri.	9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon Preschool (Age 4)
Fri Mon.-.	2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M School Age (K-12 Years)
Mon.-Fri.	7:00 A.M. to 6:00P.M.Summer Program (Ages 2-12 Years)

Some thoughts on giving...

Bill Cox has spent over 35 years as an entrepreneur and business owner. He shares “Seven Financial Stewardship Principles for Churches”:

1. Prayer and Planning Go Together - Dr. Eugene Peterson gives a great commentary in *The Conversations: The Message Bible with its Translator* contrasting the ways in which the Israelites won the battles of Jericho and Ai. For example, God miraculously collapsed some very thick walls to allow Joshua’s army to overtake Jericho. However, after dealing with Achan’s sin, God gave Joshua an ingenious plan to defeat Ai.

Sometimes God supernaturally provides financial resources to fund ministry; other times He gives a plan. Similarly, God gave Joseph a miraculous interpretation of Pharaoh’s dream that led to Joseph being freed from prison; however, it was Joseph’s plan for dealing with the coming famine that brought him promotion. Someone once said that God blesses order and not chaos. It seems reasonable that God is more likely to bless a ministry that proactively and carefully plans the use of their money than one that just spends as funds come in.

How can you give at Laurel Hill GMC?

1 – Cash and checks may be placed in the offering plate. Please contact the church office for offering envelopes.

2 - You may also give online. The QR code below will take you to our website’s giving page: <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/laurelhillgiving>

3 – Planned giving – including the LHGMC in your will is a wonderful way to ensure the ministries we are called to provide for Varina will continue into the future.



Laurel Hill Global Methodist Church

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OUR SERVANTS

Pastor: Rev. John Bright Organist/Choir Director: Pamela Wilson

Secretary: Barbara Wendel School Director: Margo Keeles

Custodians: Kathy and Robert Charles

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